FISCAL NOTE

HB 308 - SB 584

February 10, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the criminal penalty for manufacturing, delivering, selling, or possessing with intent to manufacture, deliver or sell the Schedule I controlled substances DMA and MDMA. A violation of this statute with regard to 25 grams or more of either substance would remain classified as a Class B felony; however, the fine will be increased to \$200,000. Punishment for a violation of this statute with 100 grams or more of either substance will increase from a Class B felony to a Class A felony with an increase in fine up to \$500,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$55,600/Incarceration* Increase Sate Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- one conviction per year elevated from a Class B felony to a Class A felony.
- some increase in the fine collected; however, the amount is not estimated to be significant.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director